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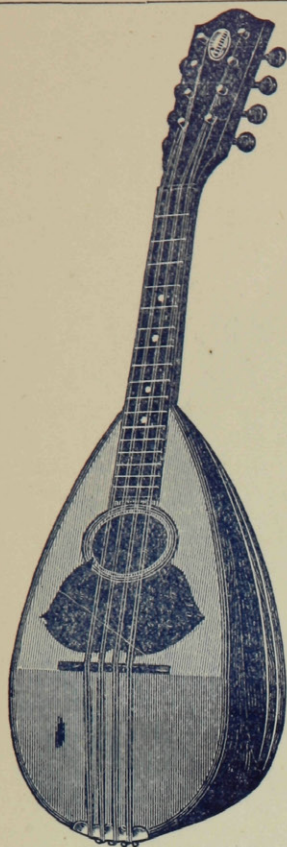
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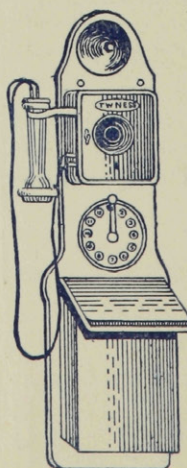
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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

THE FOUNDER'S FESTIVAL.

Some time last year there appeared in the FORTNIGHTLY an interesting article on the history of music in McGill, in which reference was made to a festival that used to be held annually by the graduates and undergraduates, in commemoration of the birth of the illustrious founder of the University, Hon. James McGill, and which accordingly had been known as the "Founder's Festival." It is not at all surprising that, to most of the students at present attending lectures in the University, this festival is quite unknown even in name, for, though the Founder's Festival used at one time to be the great social event of the college year, the custom of holding it was abandoned several years ago, and so we of the present college generation know little or nothing of the pleasure and profit this event afforded.

The Founder's Festival was instituted, as far as we can learn, about the year 1860. For several years following the date of its institution the festival was celebrated annually, and during this time became a very important function in (McGill) college life. After the year 1872, interest in the festival flagged, and it was not held again until 1880, when a determined effort was

made to revive the custom. Though in that year a very successful celebration was held, the example, unfortunately, was not followed in succeeding years, and thus the festival came to be forgotten.

For a better understanding of the nature of the Founder's Festival, a brief account of the arrangements and programme is necessary.

All the arrangements were in the hands of a committee composed of graduates and undergraduates, who usually spared neither pains nor expense in their endeavors to make the festival a grand success. And they always succeeded. Preparations began weeks before the date of the celebration. The decorations were a very important feature, and cost a great deal of time and trouble. The Molson Hall, the corridors, and the class-rooms were adorned with festoons of flowers and evergreens, pots and vases of flowers, large shields emblazoned with the coats-of-arms of sister universities, flags, etc.; while frequently the whole avenue and the front of the college building was illuminated with Chinese lanterns. Sometimes a powerful lime-light placed above the main entrance threw its radiant beams far down the avenue. We are now so accustomed to the electric light that we would hardly appreciate this means of illumination as it, doubtless, was then appreciated.

The same care was taken to have the music of the best quality possible. The students were carefully drilled in singing, so that their ever-charming songs were rendered with even more skill and grace, it is said, than that which characterizes the singing of the boys in '93. The committee must have been very hard to please, for they were not satisfied with the soul-stirring strains of the students' songs, but secured the services of some of the best musicians of the city for these occasions. During this period, regiments of regulars were stationed in the city, and the soldiers rendered the committee great assistance in the music as well as in the decorating. The string-bands and the brass-bands belonging to their regiments, notably those of the 78th Highlanders and of the 25th regiment, were excellent indeed, and these discoursed sweet music throughout the evening.

The festival partook somewhat of the nature of a *conversazione*. A limited number of tickets of admission were issued at one dollar each. These were bought by graduates and students, who also had the privilege of purchasing tickets for their friends and friends of the University. The *élite* of the city, the Professors, and

other notables were present. As the number of tickets was limited there could not be a "crush," while the interest taken in the event was so keen that the demand for tickets was generally greater than the supply. Sometimes, indeed, so great was the interest that tickets were bought at a considerable premium. We are told of one instance when twenty dollars was offered for a single ticket without finding anyone willing to part with his "Open Sesame" for that sum.

The musical and literary part of the entertainment was held in the Molson Hall, while No. 1 Class-Room was appropriated to the refreshments. The Library was thrown open, and there, besides the books, many objects of interest belonging to the University, such as technical apparatus, botanical, geological and zoological collections, curios, etc., were displayed. The programme of one of the festivals will give a better idea of what the entertainment used to be.

29th November, 1866.

The Wedding March—(Mendelssohn).... Band 25th, K.O.B.
 Address.....The Chairman.
 Chorus—"Alma Mater".....Students.
 Overture—(Rossini).....Band.
 Address.....The Vice-Chancellor.
 Oboe Solo, Cavatina, from Norma.—
 (Rossini).....Signor Barricelli.
 Valse—La Mazurka (Godfrey).....Band.
 Reading.....John Andrew, Esq.
 Chorus "Trancadillo".....Students.
 Selection from "Traviata" (Verdi).....Band.
 Address.....On behalf of the University Society.
 Duet—Euphonion and Cornet (Donnizetti) Band.
 Reading.....John Andrew, Esq.
 Oboe Solo (Bellini).....Signor Barricelli.
 Address.....On behalf of the Undergraduates.
 Air from "Rigoletto" (Verdi).....Band.
 Chorus—"Gaudeamus".....Students.
 Valse—"Farewell" (Relle).....Band.
 God Save the Queen.....Students and Band.
 Mr. F. H. Torrington, Pianist.

The refreshment offered at these festivals was of a character somewhat different from that of which one is invited to partake at a conversazione. In addition to the usual jellies, cakes, ices, etc., the guests were served with cold meats, game, roast turkey, etc.; sometimes jokes of a practical nature were played by some of the students on these occasions. For example,—a few of the rooms in the East Wing were occupied by students. On one occasion, some of these, having that craving for nice things that seems to be such a marked characteristic of students, resolved to have a "spread" in one of their rooms. The best spirited was selected to capture something from the refreshment room, and accordingly, as soon as the doors were opened, in he rushed, seized a turkey that had been beautifully roasted, and escaped with it before anyone seemed to divine his intention or make a movement to arrest him. When the consternation caused by his daring was over, he was already out of reach, and so was the turkey. These tales amuse us, but it was not so amusing to those upon whom the jokes were played.

Although the Hon. James McGill was born on the

6th of October, the Founder's Festival was never held until November, and sometimes as late as January, as the committee found that the longer time was necessary in order to make needful preparations.

We are sure that our readers will say with us that it is a pity that such a good old custom should have been abandoned. A Founder's Festival is just what we need at the present time to sustain and promote a broad University spirit and enthusiasm for McGill in her graduates and undergraduates. This festival would be a time of reunion for graduates, a time when the students of the various faculties might meet in social assemblage, an opportunity for professors and students to meet without the restraints of the class-room, a means by which the students could meet some of the finest people in the city. We would certainly be very much pleased to see the Founder's Festival revived.

FOOTBALL.

The football season is over, and already we are making preparations for the next. We have to be satisfied with the Intermediate and Junior championships, and must console ourselves for the loss of the Senior, by the reflection that it has gone to a better team, and also that if we did not win it, we have learnt much that will help us next year.

It is a matter of extreme regret to every footballer of Old McGill, that Varsity found it impossible to come down here for the annual inter-varsity match, an event which promoted such friendly intercourse between the Oxford and Cambridge of Canada, followed, as it was, by the football dinner, where, with reminiscences and anecdotes, friends of a year ago renewed their friendships, and others made fresh ones. These inter-collegiate matches were originally played between McGill and Yale, but as the style of play became different, it was found advisable to give them up, the last of that series having been played on the McGill campus in 1872, when each college put thirteen men on the field.

The schedule this year did not prove particularly satisfactory. Each team was down for only three championship matches, and Quebec's default in the Senior series left only two matches for the first teams of this province. Two championship matches are necessary to disqualify a man from playing on a Junior team; and as changes were made in the composition of our first team between the two matches, less than fifteen men were disqualified from playing on the second, and less than thirty from playing on the third. Men who failed to get a place on the third must bear this in mind, and practise assiduously next year.

The Rugby Union committee intend to arrange home and home matches next season, and perhaps modify the rule regarding disqualification.

The Second team naturally feel disappointed by Osgoode Hall's failure to come up here to play for the Intermediate Championship of Canada. Exactly why Osgoode Hall challenged us if they could not play is hard to understand; a club with such a reputation would surely not condescend to play a "bluff" game. Our Second is a capital team, and had improved wonder-

fully in combination during their ten days of early morning practice, between Osgoode Hall's challenge and its withdrawal.

Our prospects for next year are bright, very few of the players are in the graduating year, and we have already heard that among next year's Freshmen will be found men who are captaining some of Ontario's crack teams. The Second can be drawn on to any extent to fill any vacancies on the First, while this year's Third have shown themselves able to win their championship from three Thirds, every one of which had on at least six Second team men.

It might be well if some arrangement could be made with the College authorities, by which more time would be available for Football practice. It seems to us that a man who passes through college without taking an interest in something outside of text-books and notes loses a large part of the benefit to be derived from his undergraduate career.

"A college education is valuable not so much for the knowledge acquired as for the character formed."

Football tends to foster an *esprit de corps* among students and dissipate prejudice, and so may, if rightly carried on, be an important factor in a healthy college training.

The Editorial Board have to notice the loss of Mr. Wilkin, the representative of Science. He has been compelled to resign owing to pressure of work. The Board regret this, as he has proved an enthusiastic worker and has done yeoman service for the FORTNIGHTLY. Our regret is, however, tempered by the fact that his place has been filled by the election of Mr. H. M. Mackay, B.A., who has been transferred from the Business Board, and who will no doubt prove as efficient as his predecessor. We welcome our new member.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE INTERCOLLEGIATE MOVEMENT OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSO- CIATION.

It is the purpose of this article to make our friends familiar with the great College movement—"The Young Men's Christian Association."

HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT.

It is necessary to go back to the year 1844, when Geo. Williams, with a few fellow-clerks, organized an association of this name, whose purpose was the spiritual improvement of the young men engaged in the dry goods trade of London, Eng. This is the birth-place of the special form of Christian work among the young men of the world.

Prior to 1877 there was no relationship between the different religious societies of the colleges of America, although many such of varied names and purposes existed.

In this year, a handful of Christian students were in attendance at the International Convention of Young

Men's Christian Association, and seeing the marvellous development of this movement among the young men of the cities and large towns, naturally concluded that a strong union between the College associations would bring about good results; this was at once effected, and their most sanguine hopes are to-day more than realized, for the College Young Men's Christian Association now exists in nearly every institution of importance on this continent.

As early as 1857-58 the Universities of Michigan and Virginia had associations of this name, but not until 1877 was any decided progress made; each individual association fought its own battles, and won or lost according to local circumstances. To-day 450 associations in America and 50 in other lands, both Christian and Heathen, unite no less than 30,000 men in the membership of the College Young Men's Christian Association.

The work in heathen lands is of special interest, and was induced by the International Committee at the urgent appeal of missionaries then in the field.

Tokyo, Japan, has a strong association, occupying a building of its own, and having a general secretary giving his whole time to the work. There are 50,000 students in the higher educational institutions of that city alone. Calcutta, India, has 10,000 students, and work will be entered on this year. Ceylon, China, Persia, Syria, and other lands have organized college associations. As the educated young men are the key to any land, the significance of this work is readily recognized.

THE WORK OF SUPERVISION.

The remarkable progress of this movement has not been mere spasmodic enthusiasm, but is the result of a firm groundwork carefully laid, and a superstructure thoughtfully developed. It has been the life-work of tried and wise men to build up this college organization which to-day is the greatest, both numerically and geographically, among both the religious and secular organizations.

The *International Committee* of Young Men's Christian Associations is the corporation which has been the great power in the development of the work by means of its "College Department," and so complete is its organization, that the four hundred and fifty college associations are kept in intimate relationship with the headquarters in New York city.

The name of Robert Weidensall will ever be connected with the early days of the movement. As secretary of the above Committee he saw the possibilities in the colleges of America, and was instrumental in organizing the work in many colleges, and led the idea, in 1877, of an intercollegiate relationship.

Messrs. L. D. Wishard and John R. Mott are better known to the present generation of students. They are the college secretaries of the International Committee, and with two others give their lives to the work of organizing new associations and developing those already existing. Years of experience and consecrated energy have enabled these men to do more for the

religious life of our colleges than our students will ever be in a position to appreciate.

The Provincial Committee of Ontario and Quebec, through its college branch, have done much to effect a close relationship between our Canadian colleges. Last January, eleven institutions reported to the Committee, and seven of these were represented at the Provincial convention held in Montreal the same month. The relationship has been very helpful, and progress is noted every year.

A novel feature in the work of supervision is the sys-

tem of "intercollegiate representatives,"—men specially trained for the purpose of visiting the colleges in a defined district. The call for such men has arisen from the impracticability of the international secretaries making an annual visit to each college. This system, which is entirely voluntary, ensures that each institution shall have the personal supervision and practical experience of a trained leader. For 1893-94 there are two men appointed to cover the ground in Ontario and Quebec, who through correspondence and visitation will seek the interests of the colleges of this section.



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BASIS OF ORGANIZATION.

The name "Young Men's Christian Association" is known throughout the continent as the representative religious organization of the college world, and is a definite means of strengthening a common relationship among the colleges.

The purpose may be briefly defined "To lead College men to become followers of Jesus Christ," signifying the acknowledgment of the name as Saviour and Lord. Recognizing that a man while in college is in great measure shut up from the outside world, and that his firmest interests centre in college matters, the Association seeks to afford a Christian fellowship and

exert a Christian influence by means specially adapted to college life.

In no way does the Association take the place of the church, but in its true setting is the arm of the church. The active membership is confined to members of Evangelical churches, to whom is given the right to vote and hold office; the associate membership affords an opportunity to all others to be in direct relation with the Association.

METHODS OF WORK.

It has taken years to define the methods best adapted to secure good results from the time and energy expended. The plan commonly adopted, seeks the

active interest of all men by introducing them to some department of the work to which they are naturally drawn.

Individual Personal Work.—How can an organization promote that? By encouraging and educating the active members to take a personal interest in some particular man of his acquaintance, making him the object of his living and entwining himself so around the man that their characters blend; the weaker gives way to the stronger, and Christlikeness is established in both men. Is not this the spirit of the Lord's words: "I will make you fishers of men"?

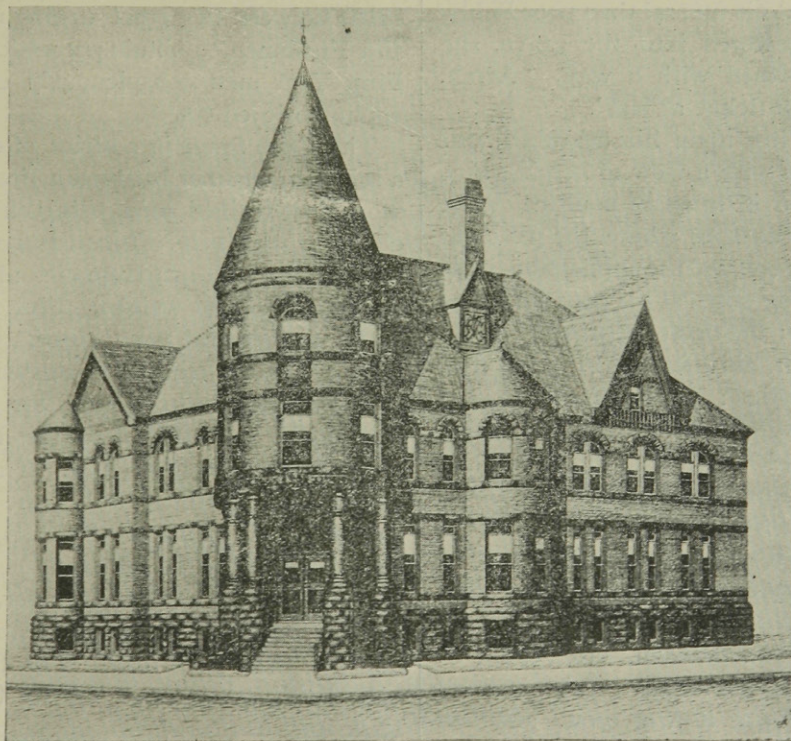
Bible Study.—The main purpose being to train men in the Word itself, for their own spiritual growth, and with special reference to the lives of men who have not subjected themselves to its teaching and influence. It is, therefore, the "practical study" that the Association seeks to promote, and with sufficient variety in the courses to afford all men an opportunity for associated Bible study, according to their choice. The classes, as a general rule, are composed of small groups of men, five to ten in each, led by a student, the condition of membership being regular attendance and private study of the lesson. Men of the same interests can therefore be brought together in one class, a spirit of unity and

freedom is established, and men express themselves unreservedly.

The greatest result obtained, perhaps, is the cultivation of personal, habitual Bible study.

While the devotional and practical method is emphasized in the Association, we cannot but express the great need that exists for college men to become conversant with the English Bible as a literary and educational study. Such a study is not considered to belong to the Association, but rather deserves a place in the college curriculum either included in the B.A. course or as an optional study. The examination of the Calendars of the leading institutions in the country would prove of interest on this point, nearly 50 per cent. of the colleges of New England include "The English Bible" in the regular course.

Religious Meetings.—In addition to the classes for Bible study, a meeting for Prayer and the consideration of some Bible topic is very desirable; such a meeting is conducted entirely by the students, and matters bearing on college life and the relation of men to the Word of God are freely dealt with. The meeting is a short, bright hour, and is made very informal and social; long addresses are out of place here. A few words from heart to heart are called for and appreciated.



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THE SOCIAL WORK.

It is an undeniable fact, that while in college a man to a great extent lives alone and to himself. The Association seeks to bring men together socially, and to promote that side of our nature. Special effort is made among the new students to make them feel at home in college, and to aid them in forming acquaintances outside college life.

A reception to new students at the opening of the Fall term has become a feature of Association work, and has introduced many a Freshman to the Associa-

tion, to the College, and to esteemed personal friends, while social evenings are frequently given to the separate classes throughout the session.

In addition to this manner of social life must be mentioned the power of an Association building or suite of rooms, which makes possible a broader and truer form of social intercourse; this has already been recognized, and throughout the land the Associations in institutions of any standing are enjoying the privilege and extending the influence which "an Association Home" renders.

(To be continued).

IN MY EASY CHAIR.

I am a gleaner after Time.

My young friends are good enough to tell me that my previous reminiscences have been favorably received, and have asked me for another gossip. As I sat "a-thynkynge," a few evenings since, I called to mind some happy hours spent, away back in the ages, Samuel Lover, the author of "Rory O'More," being one of the company. He was warm-hearted and pure-minded, tender and true, joyous and brave. It was a great treat if he could be induced to sit down at the piano, and to listen to him whilst he rendered his own "Angel's Whisper" or "The Low-Backed Car," and his humorous song of the "Sleigh-Ride" with the inimitable tone in which he transposed "*Slaying the deer*" into "*Sleighbing the dear*." He was a prince of story-tellers, too, and his telling of Irish bulls was droll beyond compare. I call to mind two anecdotes which he told one evening, which I give, but I will not say positively that they may not have appeared in print before; anyhow, I heard Lover tell them:—

"An old woman who sold apples, and oranges, and play-bills at one of the Dublin theatres, had for some years been befriended by the proprietor, and had the run of the 'house'; her friend died, and no more real mourner was present at his funeral than poor Biddy. Just as the coffin was lowered into the grave, she looked at it, and exclaimed with a wail, 'Arrah, honey, you've got your pit-ticket at last'."

"A poor Irishman, lying upon his deathbed, was suffering great pain, and with a view of helping him, the doctor had prescribed a mustard-poultice to be applied to his chest, at the spot where the pain was located. The doctor superintended the application of the poultice, and Paddy, looking down at his poor shrunken frame, burst into a laugh; the doctor reproved him for laughing at a time when his life was in great danger, and the patient replied: 'Well, doctor, I was thinking that it was a large lot of mustard for such a small piece of *mate* (meat)'."

Another specimen of humorous prose, of which Lover was the author, has been frequently published, but is so exquisitely funny that it will bear repetition:—

"Two Irishmen, fancying that they knew each other, crossed the street to shake hands. On discovering their error, 'I beg your pardon,' cried the one. 'Oh, don't mention it,' said the other. 'It's a mutual mistake, you see. I thought it was you, and you thought it was me, and, after all, it was neither of us'."

To change the theme, let me add that Eliza Cook, the poetess, was an intimate friend of some members of my family. Miss Cook began to write verse at an early age, and put forth a small collection entitled "Lays from a Wild Harp" when she was about 13 years old (I think). She was always reading and scribbling verses, very much to the annoyance of her father, who was a very prosaic old personage. One day he threatened to burn her books, and she presently retorted:—

"Burn, burn them all, it matters not,
There's earth, and sky, and sea;
And those three volumes,—Nature's works,
Are quite enough for me."

H.M.

SONNET.

RAIN STORM.

Ah, for the poet's worship, not his scorn;
For man's love, not his curse writ on my brow!
List wanton Summer! From me are they born,
Thy flash of waters, shade of linden bough,
The rose-bloom pulsing 'neath thy soft caress,
The dawn one jewel of splendor, and the day
One long sweet hour of light and loveliness,
When the tranced soul half wishes life away.
Clouds and chill tempest, leagues of mist that sweep
Round Druid cirque upon a lonely moor,
Where my fierce spirit wakes from sweet sleep
Herald thy far-off glory, else how poor!
Then Autumn calls me forth to weep for thee:
And shall not Nature have her Niobe?

CHAS. E. MOYSE.

ODDITIES OF STUDENT LIFE.

"THE CANE SPREE."

The "cane spree" is one of the most peculiar of all the embroilments that occur between Freshmen and Sophomores in a great many Universities. It differs to a great extent from the well-known "Cane Rush" of Yale and Harvard. This latter is merely a pitched battle between two great surging masses of Sophomores and Freshmen, to obtain possession of a cane which the First Year men conspicuously exhibit in defiance of sophomore edicts.

The Cane Spree is a series of contests, conducted in a scientific manner between a Freshman and a Sophomore, two trained men being chosen from these two classes respectively. It consists of three matches made between the best available men: heavy weight, middle weight, and light weight. Five years ago, there used to be a "general cane spree," in which sometimes more than forty couples contested.

A Freshman who aspires for honors in this sport secures the services of a junior, for these two are supposed to be natural friends. The Sophomore seeks a senior, who is willing to become backer and trainer.

Training is a matter of weeks, and requires a great deal of assiduous attention.

The Freshman and his trainer, together with a few friends, repair to some sequestered spot for practice once or twice each day. The trainer faces his pupil, both holding the cane, and he then shows him every trick and device which he may expect to use or to parry, meanwhile instructing him in the rules, which, by the way, are quite as exacting and as complicated as those governing wrestling or boxing.

A fellow Freshman is afterwards found to play the part of Sophomore, and day after day the two struggle together, the trainer meanwhile an eager critic and a hard master.

Having trained his man, it then becomes the trainer's part to match him to as good advantage as possible against a Sophomore anxious to enter the lists. This is provocative of nearly as much talk as the matching of a pair of professional prize fighters. Hair-splitting questions of weight and body measurement complicate

the problem, and the matching of the men becomes a matter which involves the whole college in animated discussion.

When the matched contestants face each other for the bout, each grasps the cane at its extremities with both hands, the right hand of each turning upward and the left hand downward. The Sophomore, being presumably of more experience, gives the Freshman the outer hold, and consequently the advantage of greater leverage. The backers place themselves behind their men, and the spectators form a ring. The contest then begins.

Without entering into a technical description of the manoeuvres, it may be said that the contestants are at liberty to struggle at will, provided neither takes any unfair advantage of the other, such as kicking or butting with the knees striking with the head or fist, or placing the knees upon his body. For all these exigencies there are unwritten rules, which have descended from class to class by tradition.

The theory of the spree is that the winner must take his cane in fair fight, by means of physical strength, endurance, legitimate skill, or by a combination of these means. Tricks are numerous. Some of them devised are exceedingly clever, and it often happens that a man far overmatched in weight and strength takes his cane by superior skill and generalship. Frequently, when contestants are very closely matched in all respects, the struggle becomes one of endurance only. As a single example of the tactics used, the "hip throw" may be mentioned. To accomplish this the contestant suddenly and forcibly raises the right end of the cane and throws himself under his opponent, partially turning, so as to bring his right hip under the latter's body. It then becomes an easy matter to lift the opponent bodily over the right hip and shoulder and throw him heavily to the ground.

Often, the pair, after exhausting every known trick in vain, fall to the ground together, and there struggle for the mastery, one on top of the other. It must not be supposed that the cane spree is a brutal or a dangerous sport. A liberal number of bruises and some stiffness of the muscles often result, but seldom anything more serious. The risks of wrestling, which, by the way, cane sparring resembles, exceed in the former, and neither can compare, in respect to danger, with football or with the rushes common in colleges.

It is a stirring sport full of life and action and that college spirit which remains in the memory long after Latin and Greek have been forgotten. Not only to the average college youth, thoroughly versed in all the devices of sport, but to the townsman as well, who has watched these contests from the time he was a small boy, the annual cane spree is an event of unparalleled interest. In former years, when a score or two of matches were made and fought on some open stretch of campus, on a chilly night, great crowds gathered to watch the issue.

The crowd, however, that assembles to witness the spree is composed for the most part of excited college boys. Here and there the more dignified forms of

tutors and professors may be seen. Little groups of ladies, under vigilant escort, standing on tip toe, in timid efforts to discover what is going on within the excited rings, may also be seen. Everywhere shouts and exultant cheers.

At times the Freshman's yell rises excitedly from a turbulent centre, indicating that an advantage has been won by his champion. Again it is drowned by sophomoreic roars from another part of the field, where a Sophomore has scored a point at the expense of his antagonist. At times, deafening choruses rise from all parts of the field, and they frequently overlap or unite discordantly.

Sometimes some of the groups break into a seeming riot, but it is only to hoist a victorious spreeman upon the shoulders of his exultant classmates. It is then carried about the field amid cheers and yells, waving aloft the cane, which he took from his antagonist; whilst those who were in sympathy with the defeated party slink away with disgusted expressions, and go to swell other throngs which encircle a contest still undecided.

Spreemen desiring matches circulate everywhere under convoy of their backers.

Comparisons of weight and calculations of chances are made, whilst meetings are often arranged. Sometimes a newly matched pair take off their "sweaters" on the spot and form a new ring.

A dozen fights are often to be seen at once. There is generally only excitement, enthusiasm, noise, effort and wild commotion. Class feeling is vented on such occasions to the utmost, and the contestants fight for the cane like demons.

The backers act as umpires, and consult together so as to decide. They often seek advice from upper classmen, whose authority is acknowledged, on account of the fame they have won in such contests in the days when they were Freshmen and Sophomores.

When the cane is wrested from one of the contestants, —pandemonium ensues.

Frequently, however, men are matched so evenly that an issue cannot be expected, even after a prolonged struggle. In such cases the cane is divided into two parts, with even honors for both classes.

After the spree, the results are counted. Victory is usually to the Sophomores, on account of their previous experience. Occasionally the Freshmen succeed, and in such cases they disport themselves as they please during the year, without any molestation from the "Sophs."

X.Y.W.

THE MOLSON PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

A notable addition has recently been made to the buildings of the Medical Faculty,—the first instalment of the extension which that Faculty has long wanted and is now proceeding to erect, thanks to the generous aid of Mr. J. H. R. Molson. We refer to the new Pathological Laboratory, concerning which a brief description was given in our last number.

When, at the beginning of the year, a deputation from the Faculty waited upon the Governors of the University, and brought before them the urgent need that existed for further laboratory accommodations, and the plans by which they proposed to utilize all the available funds of the Faculty in the enlargement of the College, Mr. Molson immediately came to their aid, and prevented it from trenching upon its not very large capital, by a munificent gift of \$65,000. Of this large sum, a portion has been spent in obtaining for the University the property lying immediately behind the Medical College, thereby permitting further extension to be made in a direction where, it is true, that little will be seen by ordinary visitors to the McGill grounds, but where there will be no undue crowding in upon other University buildings. Upon this property is situated a house that has for years been occupied by Professor Harrington, and it is this house which the Medical Faculty have converted into a most excellent pathological department.

It might be thought that a private house would make an unsatisfactory laboratory, but this is far from being necessarily the case; all depends upon the house. Here the Faculty had to deal with a good square edifice, commodious and well built. It need only be said that Sir William Dawson erected it, to render it evident that the quality of the building and its arrangements are all that can be desired in a dwelling place; and now the internal alterations that have been accomplished during the last summer and autumn have given a laboratory that could not be greatly improved upon were a totally new building designed and erected especially for the pathological purposes. A "spick and span" new laboratory is, as a rule, so exquisite—the woodwork is so good, the walls so unsullied with any blemish, the varnish covering, everything so neat, that one is almost afraid to undertake any hard work, that is to say hard work of the usually dirty nature. A laboratory that is an old building, whose woodwork consists, in a large part, of old fittings suitably modified for their new position, whose walls have shown themselves capable of hard treatment during the alterations without harm to the general structure, and still show outward signs of that treatment, such a laboratory fulfills the ideal of the worker, provided that there is room enough, and such a laboratory the pathologists have obtained. We will not say that they are determined to occupy it in permanency, that depends upon the growth of the school, but for the present they seem thoroughly well satisfied.

The ground floor of Professor Harrington's house has been converted into living rooms for the laboratory assistant, store rooms, a dark room for photographic purposes and a small animal room. The first floor, with little or no structural change, save the opening out of two extra windows, has been converted into a professor's room and library, a preparation room where all material is brought and prepared for class and museum purposes, and a demonstrator's research laboratory. These three rooms, the old study, drawing and dining rooms respectively, open into one another, and are admirably fitted for their new uses. The library

already contains more than 600 volumes, in part duplicates from the Medical Library, in part Dr. Wyatt Johnston's valuable collection of text-books, monographs and journals, which he has generously lent to the department, and in fact Professor Adami's collection of a similar nature. Upon the same floor is a small room for bacteriological incubators, while what had been the pantry makes a perfect store-room for glass ware and for washing up apparatus.

Upon the next floor has been secured a brilliantly lighted class room for practical work, with table accommodation for sixty students. This has been done by throwing the six bedrooms and nursery into one and by opening out five additional windows. Tables for microscopical research have been placed all round the room, and it can safely be said that the University does not possess a better lighted or more suitable room for practical work in any biological subject than is afforded by this revolutionary conversion of the old bedrooms and the nursery. In addition, the large space under the roof is found to function well as a store room, in which under one window has been placed a carpenter's bench with the necessary tools for preparing and repairing apparatus.

Altogether, the Medical Faculty is to be heartily congratulated upon the excellent pathological laboratory which they have thus obtained at relatively little cost, and Mr. Molson is deserving of the warm thanks of all interested in the progress of the University, for his donation, part of which has been turned to such good account.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE.

Nov. 13th, 1893.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having read some statements in the last number of the FORTNIGHTLY, with respect to a certain unfair representation on the part of an unmentioned club, at the late meeting of the Rugby Union called to decide the protested McGill-Britannia match, I am obliged to conclude that the Lennoxville Club is the one referred to.

If this is the case, which I can scarcely doubt, ours being the only club represented by an outsider who is a member of the Britannia Football Club, I feel bound to reply to what I consider a most unwarrantable and ill-founded complaint.

With reference to a Britannia man having represented us, and therefore presumably having been a prejudiced voter. I can only say that if this inference is true, it is an equally probable supposition that the representatives of McGill and Montreal were equally prejudiced, it being as much to their interest as to that of the Britannias to gain the decision of the meeting.

If such a state of affairs as that insinuated in the FORTNIGHTLY exists, viz., that a *gentleman* cannot be trusted to vote in conformance with the dictates of honor and conscience, simply because it is to his interest to vote in a certain way, then I say that the pros-

pects of fair play and good feeling in the football world are indeed poor.

As regards the second charge, viz., that the said representative was instructed by our club which way to vote, it is altogether untrue and I consider in very questionable taste.

In my telegram to Mr. Bacon I simply said : We are in sympathy with the Brits." And so we were ; we were of the opinion then, as now, that the Britannias were the better team, and some of our students had been present at the match, and declared most distinctly that the facts really took place as claimed by the Britannias. Such being the case, we naturally wished to see fair play, as any genuine lovers of sport are bound to do, and instructed our representative, whom, by the way, we appointed in the beginning of the season, to attend the meeting in our behalf.

Hoping that I am not intruding too much on your valuable space, and trusting in your sense of justice to give me this opportunity of defending the reputation of our Club.

B. WATSON,

Secy-Treas. BISHOP'S COLLEGE F.B.C.

SOCIETIES.

DELTA SIGMA.

The third regular meeting of this Society was held on Thursday, the 9th inst. After the roll had been called and most of the members had answered "present" to their names, the minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously accepted.

A letter was also read from the Alumnæ Society, in which the Alumnæ proposed that the two Societies should have a joint meeting during the course of the winter, on such a day as would be convenient to the Delta Sigma Society. It is almost unnecessary to say that the vote to accept their proposition was unanimous, provided the required permission should be granted by the authorities.

Then came the most enjoyable part of the programme. A very interesting paper on "Shakspeare's Women" was read by Miss Walker. The literary merit of the paper was beyond dispute, and showed careful preparation. The account that Miss Krouse gave of *one or two* of those things which she had seen at the Fair was given in her own peculiarly bright and taking style, and the vividness of the pictures presented by the speaker was considered a strong point in favor of the advantages of travelling over reading as an educator, which was the subject of the impromptu debate that followed, supported on the affirmative by Miss Hutchinson and Miss St. James, while Miss Hammond and Miss Holden argued on the negative. The votes taken according to the merits of the debate resulted in a majority for the negative.

The courage displayed by our French member, in taking part in the impromptu debate, cannot be too highly commended, and the applause which greeted her as she stepped to the platform was indicative of

the appreciation with which her effort had been received.

Mrs. Ashley Carus-Wilson (Mary A. L. Petrie, B.A.) has kindly consented to deliver the Annual Lecture to the members of this Society.

The lecture will be given in the William Molson Hall, on December 5th ; the subject of the lecture will be "The right use of Books."

THEO DORA SOCIETY.

The second regular meeting of the Theo Dora was held on Thursday, November 16th, at 4 o'clock.

Miss Hill presided, and in opening the meeting expressed the sorrow we all felt in hearing of Miss Seymour's ill-health and consequent resignation as chairman of Missionary Committee.

The subject discussed was "Medical Work among Women in Home and Foreign Fields." Miss Pitcher read a very interesting paper on "Home Work," making special reference to Doctor Helen Campbell's work in New York. She was followed by Miss R. Watson on foreign work, who showed what an important place medical work holds in spreading the Gospel.

Short extracts on the subject, taken from different missionary papers, were read by some of the members. Miss Hargrave gave a short address on need of medical missionaries among women of heathen countries.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5th, a large number of students heard Sir William Dawson's address on "Christ and other Teachers ;" this was of great interest and of greater import coming from the lips of so great a teacher.

Nov. 12th was observed throughout the world as the Day of Prayer for young men. Three of our members spoke in the city churches, making special reference to the College Christian Association. The ensuing days of the week being recognized as the Week of Prayer, a large number visited the Church Prayer Meetings, and the interest shown by the people of Montreal in Student life was very encouraging.

The remark was passed by a student that "the men in his Faculty considered it essential to be tough." Is this a true sentiment for a University like McGill with a Christian Association numbering 300 members? If not, let every man of the 300 use his personal influence to effect a change. Surely, if the world has room for true men it is in college, and no better field exists to illustrate what men are made of.

A Members' Reunion on Thanksgiving Day is a new feature, and somewhat of a substitute for the "Freshmen's Reception." A successful event is anticipated.

The Intercollegiate Missionary Alliance meets in convention at Toronto, Nov. 23rd to Nov. 26th. Mr. J. Thomson, B.A., of the Diocesan College, will represent McGill and present a paper on "City Mission Work."

The Prayer Meeting on Friday the 24th will be led by Geo. E. Bates, Arts '96.

It is very encouraging to hear from graduates of their continued interest, and the following from the pen of Dr. H. N. Goff will be valued highly by those who knew him and knew him best:—

"I would like to say, for the encouragement of those who may be faltering in the work, or who may feel that other duties are more important and that they have no time to attend to Y.M.C.A. work or its meetings, that I regard no time in my whole College course of more value to me now, than the time that I spent in the Y.M.C.A. work. I see now that I received real, lasting good, much more than I gave, and I have no doubt in my mind that the student who neglects the Christian duties of his college life does himself an irreparable injustice, is truant to his highest interest and develops disproportionately. I have strong conviction that there is no time in a man's life when it is more important to cultivate his spiritual nature, and no time when he can make more rapid spiritual growth than when in college."

These words need no comment. Experience speaks.

MCGILL MINING SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of this Society was held in the old Science Building on Thursday evening, November 16th, the President, Mr. Carlyle, in the chair.

Mr. O. E. S. Whiteside, a member of the Science graduating class, read a very interesting and instructive paper, on the "Coal Mines and Mining of Pictou, N. S.," before a large number of members of the Society. This paper was confined chiefly to the coal mines of Westville and adjacent places, especially the Drummond mine, in which Mr. Whiteside was employed during the past summer.

After giving a synopsis of the different kinds of coal, and the various purposes for which each is best adapted, the speaker explained in a very clear manner the method of mining the coal seams and beds, the bord and pillar system being the principal method used, yet in some cases overhead sloping is still adhered to.

The speaker concluded the paper by describing some of the accidents which had taken place in the coal mines, and explained the supposed origin of many of these accidents. The paper showed careful preparation and observation on the part of Mr. Whiteside.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Whiteside for his able paper, after which the meeting adjourned.

MONTREAL VETERINARY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of this Society was held in the lecture room, 6 Union Ave., on Thursday evening, Nov. 9th, with the President, Dr. J. G. Adami, in the chair. Dr. Adami was detained for a short while at the Hospital, and was unable to be present at the opening. Until his arrival Dr. Baker assumed the duties of President.

The meeting was the most successful one thus far held, the attendance being large, and the discussion which followed the papers was entered into with spirit.

The first paper to be read was a report of a case of "Paracentesis Abdominis" from Dr. Rowat, of San Francisco, Cal. Dr. Rowat was a former member of this Society, and still takes a decided interest in it. The members tendered him a hearty vote of thanks for his paper.

Mr. Carey read a paper entitled, "The Thermometer as an aid to Diagnosis and Prognosis." Although long and full of details, it proved interesting and instructive, and was listened to attentively by the members.

The last paper of the evening was read by Mr. Harry Cleveland, and was entitled, "Shoeing of the Road Horse." He explained how defects of gait could be remedied by different methods of shoeing, and strongly advocated a course in shoeing for every veterinary student. The paper was followed by a lively discussion, after which the meeting adjourned.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

The usual weekly meeting of the Society was held on Friday evening, Oct. 27. The meeting opened promptly with Mr. Lambly, the president, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of. Mr. Hanson, Arts '95, gave notice that at next meeting he would move that the following paragraph be added to section 23 of the Constitution: "That the chairman, before putting the question, shall make a brief, unprejudiced summary of all the important arguments brought forward by both the affirmative and negative sides." After the appointment of Mr. LeRossignol, Med. '95, as critic, and J. C. Hickson, Arts '95, as reporter, the programme was taken up. Mr. MacMaster, Arts '97, gave a reading in excellent style. Mr. Hopkins followed with a solo, after which the Debate was proceeded with, there being no essay, nor has there been one at any of the meetings held this year. It is to be hoped that at our next meetings this important item of the programme will not be omitted. The subject of debate was:—"Resolved, that the Literary productions of the present day have on the whole a beneficial tendency." The speakers were Mr. Moffatt, Arts '94, and Mr. Suter, Sc. '97, for the Affirmative, while Mr. Stewart, Arts '94, and Mr. Symmes, Arts '95, upheld the negative. After these gentlemen had spoken, the debate was thrown open. Mr. McMaster spoke for the affirmative, and made a very brilliant "stump-speech;" he was followed by Mr. Saxe, Arts '97, who spoke on the same side. Mr. Hopkins, Arts '95, and Mr. Solandt, Comp. Med. '94, followed, both speaking for the negative side. Mr. Solandt made a capital speech, and it is only to be regretted that we did not see more of Mr. Solandt when in his first and second years. The question being put to the meeting, the negative side won by a large majority. It is very pleasing to see that this debate was won entirely on the merits of the speaking, and not, as most of them are, by the prejudices of the audiences. Mr. LeRossignol gave his criticism in a very able manner, after which one of the most successful meetings held by the Society this year adjourned.

The regular weekly meeting of this Society was held on Friday evening, November 10th, about thirty members being present. The meeting opened in good time, the President being in the chair. After the critic and reporter for the evening had been appointed, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of. The Secretary then read a communication which he had received from Trinity College, Toronto, requesting the presence of a representative from the Undergraduates Literary Society at their annual Convocation dinner on Nov. 14th. After considerable discussion a motion was put before the meeting, and carried, that the Secretary be instructed to reply to the invitation, stating that, owing to lack of time for preparation, it was impossible to send a representative. Several other less important items having been disposed of, the evening's programme was begun. The song and essay being conspicuous by their absence, which ought to be remedied, Mr. Saxe gave a well rendered and humorous sketch on "The Bashful Young Man," which was much appreciated by all, and especially by one of our number. The meeting joined in a chorus, lead by Mr. Howard, which was sung with great vigor.

The Debate was then announced, the subject being, "Resolved, that man has reached a higher level of intellectuality since antiquity;" the Affirmative was ably supported by Messrs. E. T. Dickson, Arts '94, A. Trenholme, Arts '97, and H. Young, Arts '95; the Negative, who made a strong argument, by Messrs. Sutherland, Arts '95, C. Howard, Arts '97, and Keith, Arts '95. The speeches on the whole were very good, although a couple of the more youthful debaters betrayed a slight nervousness. Credit is due to Messrs. Young and Keith, who volunteered at the last moment to take the place of Messrs. Donahue and Hickson, who were unavoidably absent. The meeting, having heard the speeches pro and con, decided by a small majority that the Affirmative had won. Mr. Boyd then gave a short but able critique of the proceedings, after which the meeting adjourned.

SOCIETY FOR STUDY OF COMPARATIVE PSYCHOLOGY.

A meeting of the above Society was held Friday evening, November 17th, in the lecture room of the Veterinary College, No. 6 Union Ave., Dr. Wesley Mills occupying the chair.

Mr. Sally read a very interesting paper entitled "Do the Dog and Horse possess all the faculties of Man?"

Mr. Shaw followed, reading a paper on "Animal Psychology," relating several curious experiences.

Mr. Solandt then occupied the attention of the meeting while he read his paper entitled "Animal Psychology as viewed by a Student of Comparative Medicine." After discussing these papers the meeting was adjourned, not, however, before the President had complimented the above gentlemen on the spirit displayed in their papers.

Messrs. Morin, Moore and Mulvey will contribute papers at next meeting.

MCGILL HOCKEY CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the McGill University Hockey Club was held on Friday afternoon, at 5 o'clock; the President, Mr. Smythe, in the chair.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, the Secretary-Treasurer read his report, which showed the Club to be in a flourishing condition, both in regard to players and financially, a small balance being left over from last year's expenses. The election of officers for the coming year then followed.

The officers are:—

S. Davidson,	President.
G. Lewis,	Vice-President.
F. Becket,	Sec.-Treasurer (re-elected).

Committee.

Kirby (Med.),	Drinkwater (Sc.),
Bickerdike (Arts),	Donahue (Law),
Cowan (Vet.).	

Reps to Amateur Hockey Association:—Smythe, Laurie, Parke.

The position of captain was next on the list, and after some discussion Mr. Bickerdike (Arts) was appointed.

The Committee was recommended to draw up a constitution for the Club, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers the meeting adjourned.

McGill is entered in the Intermediate Series again this year, and with the good material we have in the college, backed up by the new committee, who are all enthusiastic hockey players, they ought to have a *cinch* on the championship. Unfortunately for McGill, she has to win the Intermediate championship before she can go up to the Senior Series. Next year, however, her admirers hope to hear from the team in the Senior Series.

MCGILL FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the McGill University Football Club will be held on Saturday, 25th November, at 7.45 p.m., in the Arts Building.

Business:—Reports and election of officers.

N.B.—Men will be allowed to vote only on presentation of their Athletic Association ticket.

By Order,

W. F. ANGUS,

Secretary.

SPORTING COLUMN.

THE FOOTBALL SEASON.

Another football season with all its hopes and pleasures has come and gone, and once more McGill, after vainly struggling for honors which evidently were never meant for her, has gracefully brought up the rear in the contest for the Senior championship of Quebec.

After giving the subject in question due and careful consideration, after turning it over, first on this side, then on that, after looking at it full face, side face, back-

wards and forwards, after having completely exhausted itself in the futile effort to account for the fact, the Club has at length come to the conclusion that there are other things it can do better than play football. Alas ! that such should be the case ; but it is true, nevertheless.

It is just three years ago that the McGill first fifteen won the championship of the Province of Quebec.

How proud and elated we were over it, and we had a right to be, for we worked hard, practised hard, and played hard for it, and deserved to win. We had practice every afternoon on the Campus, and at the Gymnasium three evenings a week, and the individual members of the team seemed to be inspired with more enthusiasm, and were willing to work harder for the success of the team. This must be one of the reasons of the poor success of McGill this year, for the first fifteen, although it was not all that could be desired, was nevertheless a very good aggregation of players, and on several occasions played exceedingly good football. One thing at least seems certain, that the failure of McGill is in no way due to the Captain, Mr. Gaudet, for a more energetic, enthusiastic, painstaking and thoroughly competent captain could not easily be found. Mr. Gaudet worked early and late for the success of the football club ; he did not spare himself, but went heart and soul into his work, attending every practice and meeting, coaching the men, giving them advice and doing all that was in his power. He is without doubt the best captain since Henry Hamilton's time, and one of the best we have had in the University.

To return to the discussion of the causes of our failure this season,—for causes there must be, and we may just as well as not face and discuss them.

It is a question whether the team as a whole is a little weak, or whether merely some part of it is.

One fact is palpably evident and cannot be glossed over, viz., that we did not play good enough football this season to warrant us winning the championship. We did not fail merely because this or that player was not with the team this year, or because we had "hard luck" in some special match, or because some referee decided against us on certain occasions, or because it was a wet day, or for any other such reasons as a despairing and ingenious football man might advance, but simply and solely because we were not good enough players. This is brutal, very, but it's true ; it cuts our tender and sensitive organ to the quick ; but with Spartan-like fortitude we give the gash, then grin and bear it. No one would suppose to look at our cheerful and smiling countenance as we write these words, that the heart beneath our watch pocket is torn and lacerated by grief at the fate of our beloved football team ; but such is the case. This will serve as an excellent illustration of the folly of attempting to read the emotions of the human heart from the countenance.

Now, it is not so easy as it seems to determine in what particular respect a team is weak ; and in our case it is rather difficult, for our backs, wings and scrimmages are all fairly good ; but one reason might be advanced, viz., that there were a good many new men on the team this year who had never played together be-

fore. This reason sounds plausible, for, as we all know, the reliance of the players on each other and their combined team play are essential to good football. However, notwithstanding the fact that so many of our players were new men, they developed in a very short time a good system of passing, and, on the whole, showed up fairly well in this respect.

One great fault, and a really very serious one, was that our men were rather light, and found considerable difficulty in coping with their much heavier opponents. The backs were noticeable in this respect, and endeavored to make up for it by greater agility, and succeeded very well, but still they were undoubtedly light.

The position of the "forward" has developed of late into a particularly trying one, as he must be both heavy of body and quick of foot, and be constantly on the aggressive, being compelled at one and the same time to prevent his opposing wing man from passing him, and to endeavor, on the other hand, to pass him. The consequence is that the "forward" must be strong and in the pink of condition, ever ready to receive hard knocks and to return them, and this entails upon him extra practice and training which all "forwards" do not like to undertake. The result of all this is that there is a great deal of "scrapping" and off-side play, necessitating an umpire being on the field to watch them, and this attitude of the "wings" is, in the writer's opinion, much to be regretted, and will make a change in the rules of play necessary.

The McGill wings were good, but not good enough to cope with the Montrealers, who have been playing together now for some time, and who can thoroughly rely on each other. Our wings have not yet acquired thoroughly this "blocking" system, which is the outgrowth of the last two or three years, and until they do, our half-backs cannot do themselves justice, nor can the quarter-back.

The football committee, in picking the team, did their best to show favor to none and be fair to all ; and if their action this year did not please, nevertheless it will bear fruit next year. They made it a rule that a man, to secure a place on the team, would have to practise a certain number of times, and thus several of the old players' places were filled by new men who were working hard to play on the first fifteen. As has been said, the wisdom of this move will be seen next season, when very few changes will probably have to be made.

The bright and shining spot in our existence was the brilliant success of the second and third fifteens who won the Intermediate and Junior championships respectively. They played splendid football, and were, in this respect, an eloquent example to their Seniors.

Now, although we have been defeated this year in the struggle for the Senior championship, we have no reason to be down-hearted, for we have made a good fight and have learnt some useful lessons which we hope to benefit by next season. We want more men to practise football, and from whom we can choose a

team. Men who have ever played or would like to learn should turn out and practise with all their might, and strive to get a position on the team and win the championship again for Old McGill. It is a great honor for a man to be able to say that he has played on the champion fifteen of the Province of Quebec or perhaps the Dominion of Canada. It is an honor worth trying for, and there is no real reason why McGill University should not send out another team as they did in 1890, good enough to beat anything in Montreal and all Canada besides. We have about seven hundred men in the University, and good grounds on which to practise, and yet we cannot get together fifteen men to make a first-class team, in the true sense of the term.

There is one thing we need very badly, and that is a gymnasium where we can practise tackling, scrimmage, formations, and give the men the thorough training which they cannot get by merely running on the campus.

We trust that the University authorities will soon remedy this, and we also hope and trust that in the very near future, next year, the McGill football team will once more hold the proud position of champions of Quebec.

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HOCKEY.

Let me make an appeal to all hockey players in McGill.

Coming, as the season of hockey does, between the Xmas and the Spring Exams, the game recommends itself to all students. The practices start at the beginning of the Xmas vacation, and end about the last of February, thus giving all students ample time to prepare for the sessional exams.

Our practice hours have been arranged this season as follows:—Monday from 5.15 to 6.15 p.m., and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Crystal Rink. During the Xmas holidays the practice on Monday is also from 9 to 10 a.m.

We are also endeavoring to get one evening a week for practice in the Victoria Rink.

McGill only boasts of one team at present, and that one is in the Intermediate Series. We entered the Intermediate Series last year, because we really were compelled to. Of last year's team only one player was fit for a Senior team, viz., our popular goal keeper, Gordy Lewis.

But someone may ask, "Why not enter the Senior ranks this year?"

Because it is impossible, owing to a rule passed last year. According to that rule, we have to win the Intermediate Championship before we can enter the Senior series.

Now, because you have played on a Senior team before, or because you think that you are good enough for a Senior team this year, it's no reason why you should forsake Old McGill for some other club. It will not degrade you any to play Intermediate instead of Senior for a year, especially as you will be playing for your "Alma Mater."

With such men as Davidson, Kirby, Drinkwater, Lewis and McDougall, McGill can win the Intermediate championship "hands down."

Turn out then, boys, and putting all prejudice aside, help Old McGill to win that championship this year, and we can then enter the Senior ranks next season.

We are hampered a great deal by having no rink of our own to play on, but we will hope to have one some day, and I am looking forward to the time when McGill will run three (3) hockey teams, as the Montrealers are going to do this year.

F.A.C.B.

CLASS REPORTS.

LEGAL BRIEFS.

The Legal class reporter must have "gone fishin'" this week, as we have not heard from him.

COMPARATIVE MEDICINE CLASS REPORTS.

Mr. Cecil French has been chosen by the Final men as their valedictorian. No better choice could have been made, as he is without a doubt the most capable man in the class.

Prof. Gleason invited the students of this Faculty to attend one of his exhibitions one night last week. The invitation was accepted, and on Wednesday evening they marched over in a body. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed, the boys expressing their approval by giving the college yell in vigorous style, and assuring the Professor that he was all right. To make this more manifest they presented him with a very fine silk umbrella.

Kindness towards dumb animals is always to be commended. If some of our fellow-students, who seem never satisfied unless they have a butcher knife and are hacking away at some poor brute, on the slim excuse of advancing science, would realize this, it would be a step toward the higher standing of the veterinary profession.

Have you seen the new sub? Have you got your knives ready? Who's your partner? These are the questions the First Year men are asking one another these days.

How "guilty" we must have looked after the football match. Our soloist now sings "After the Ball."

Mr. A. G. Cannon, of Greenfield, Mass., a former student of this Faculty, has returned, and will graduate with the Final Year. Mr. Cannon attended two years, and now after an absence of three years returns to finish.

The boy from Binscarth still continues his visits to the stock yards.

Overheard of a Second Year medical student in his sleep recently: "Now, then, boys, make haste—Dr. Deeks is coming—get your knife, and cut—cut something—that's right, hold that arm straight—Phew, it does smell!"

Glass may be impenetrable, but one Freshman did not appear to think so. We say *did* not, advisedly.

"I like him and so does mom-mer." For further information go to Montague Greenfield. Won't you come in?

It is understood that one of our Freshmen has opened a laundry, where family washing is beautifully and promptly executed.

Freshmen are proverbially goatlike without making their personal appearance indicative of the species.

MEDICAL CLASS REPORTS.

A meeting of the four years in Medicine was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., to elect a president for the Faculty dinner.

There was some discussion previously as to the characteristics of the dinner. Mr. Fry, in a bright speech, moved that wine should not be used at the table. He was supported by Messrs. Mathewson, LeRossignol, and others. After some discussion the matter was put to the vote, and the motion was lost by 100 votes to 84, 30 votes not being cast. The election of a president was then proceeded with. There were two candidates, Messrs. J. J. Ross, B.A., and E. J. O'Connor. The ballot resulted in the election of Mr. O'Connor by a majority of 60, 14 votes not being cast.

The Fourth Year have elected as their representatives on the Dinner Committee, Messrs. A. T. Shillington and A. Richardson.

Can a man who sticks to his purpose with the strength of a 10 horsepower engine be regarded as a person of considerable *ten—ass—ity*?

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Aq. Bib., q. s., M. ft.....	14	ozs.

Sig.—Shake, and take one or two teaspoonfuls every five or six hours, according to age, in some water.
—, M. D.

At a meeting of the Final Year, held recently, to elect a valedictorian, Mr. H. M. Kinghorn, B.A., nominated Mr. Allan Davidson, who was elected by a unanimous vote. Mr. Davidson expressed his appreciation of this honor in a very happy speech, in which he said that in his address he hoped to preserve his individual-

ity. At the same time he was open for suggestions ! Such modesty is very overpowering. He has the good wishes of the whole year.

The Second Year have in W. F. Scott and W. R. Ferguson, two able representatives on the Dinner Committee.

A fact for Evolutionists:—

There is a patient in the M. G. H., suffering from typhoid, who has had in the neighborhood of seventy baths. It is said that he is developing web-feet. Hurrah for Hydrotherapy ! Antipyrin could not do this.

This year's "system" (?) of allotting Subs. is rather puzzling—*e.g.*, A passed his grind on the ligaments of his first one Monday evening. B passed his on Tuesday evening. B is right at work on his next on Wednesday. C qualifies one week later, and is soon at work on his second, while A still waits.....

"The stars will tell you why."

The First Year possesses the honor of numbering with them an Arts graduate of Cambridge, in the person of Mr. W. Gesner Allan, who is an acknowledged "star" of the class.

At a recent meeting of the First Year, Messrs. W. G. Allan and T. J. Lynch were elected as members of the Dinner Committee, the former of whom was later chosen by the Dinner Committee as their treasurer.

The First Year has already suffered a loss of two of its members, Messrs. F. E. Rogers and J. B. Allan have had to quit the race, for a time at least, and have returned to their homes as the result of illness. We hope to learn of their speedy recovery, and to have the pleasure of welcoming them to our number again soon.

THE GEOLOGY EXCURSION.

On Saturday, quite a number accompanied Dr. Adams to St. Anne on the annual excursion to that place. We arrived there about ten o'clock, and work was begun immediately. A cut near the station, which the C.P.R. Co. was obliged to make in the construction of the road, afforded us a good opportunity to observe the formation of the rock in the vicinity and to obtain good specimens. Here Dr. Adams began explanations in his clear and interesting manner. This was Calciferous formation of the Upper Cambrian series: well bedded, the beds being almost horizontal. The rock was brown at the surface, the result of the action of the weather, being darker where it had been lately exposed. Proceeding to the old quarry, Calciferous formation also, we found many good fossil specimens,

as *Murchisonia gracilis*. West of the town we examined a different formation, the Potsdam sandstone, which is below the Calciferous formation. This is also well bedded, and is remarkable for the abundance of cylindrical burrows known as *Scolithus linearis*. A visit was paid also to a rock of special interest. This rock was taken from the bed of the Ottawa river in making a channel, and is in cribwork in the centre of the river defining the channel. A visit to this necessitated a row which was much enjoyed. This rock is Alnoite. It is a new occurrence of a rare and curious rock, and is the first and only Melitite rock that has been found on this continent. Its original location is Alnô in Sweden. It is a mixture of Olivine, Biotite, Pyroxene and Melitite. This rock was taken from a dike in the Potsdam sandstone which forms the bed of the river, and it is supposed to be connected in some way with the eruptive centre of Mount Royal. The boulders in the vicinity of Ste. Anne are quite numerous. The *gneiss* and *anorthite* we studied in their native bed while at Lachute two weeks ago. Before leaving Ste. Anne, our genial classmate, McCuaig, having his camera with him, offered, in a moment of recklessness, to risk the lens if we would arrange ourselves for a photograph. This we did, and after "*the deed was done*" he looked relieved, informing us that it worked well. It was noticed, however, that the ground glass was cracked. The return trip was uneventful. The day was an enjoyable and profitable one, all regretting that it was likely to be the last excursion this fall. We bespeak for those who will accompany Dr. Adams on these excursions in the future a profitable and an interesting time.

ARTS NOTES.

The Reading-Room Committee have posted up the usual legend, calling attention to No. 1 of the Rules and Regulations. It is a pity that this is necessary. Cannot some of our embryo statesmen propound a scheme which would allow all our men access to the reading-room, and at the same time provide means for its proper maintenance?

We would whisper in the ear of the Programme Committee of the Literary Society, that a debate between representatives chosen from two college years, say '94 and '95, or, better still, '96 and '97, would be a "drawing card."

Prof.—"It's a puzzle to me that the sea has not disappeared long ago; that hole has been in the bottom of it so long."

Chorus of Students:—"Oh, there's a bottom in the (w) hole of the sea."

Our remark *en passant* concerning the singing ability of the Juniors received remarkable confirmation from one of the Professors the other day. Some of them are after the scalps of those "three flats."

At a meeting of the students in Arts last week, a motion to hold a *conversazione* this year instead of the usual Faculty Dinner was received with considerable favor. President Graham and Secretary Boyd were appointed to find out what arrangements would be necessary for a *conversazione*, and to report at a future meeting.

In class the other day, the Sophs. were recommended to watch a tree for 150 years in order to learn some interesting phenomena concerning its growth. If they thought that the examinations in Botany would be postponed until their investigations were complete, many would begin at once, but they are harassed with doubts.

The men of '97 tell us that the class in Elocution is the latest thing out.

It is rumored that "Scruffy" has signified his intention of giving the "serpentine" dance for the benefit of the Geology Class.

Apropos to Geology: That quiet little boy, H-r-n never said a truer thing than when he told G-h-m, who was "*talcing*" of eating ice-cream by the *quartz*, that he must have a terrible *apatite*.

Notwithstanding the fact that the "auction sale of the Reading Room" took place last Friday, the committee beg to say that the purchaser has consented to allow the students the same privileges as heretofore. The students who read with dismay the notice of the sale wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the kind-hearted purchaser.

The Freshies are becoming quite anxious to know what the Christmas examinations are to be like. Doubtless they will know after the examination in Greek, to which they are now looking forward.

It was one of those cold November nights, with the rain beating pitilessly against the window-panes, a night which makes those who have a comfortable home shudder at the thought of the misery of those who have to sleep with the sky as their only covering.

During the day, but especially in the afternoon, great excitement had prevailed throughout the city; but when the evening came, things had quieted down to their usual state.

One of those who had taken part in the business of the day, worried and tired out after his exertions, had thrown himself down on his lounge to rest. While there, he dreamed a strange dream. It seemed to him as if he was among a mighty crowd of men, who all seemed to be animated by a common desire and who paid no attention to his frequent question, "Gentlemen, what is the matter with you?"

In this crowd appeared a man, who was evidently the leader. Hoping to gain the desired information from him, our hero directed his steps to the platform

upon which the speaker stood. Scarcely had our hero reached this spot, when the leader, swinging around his head a mighty hammer which he held in his hand, brought it down on the desk before him with such force, that the whole platform gave way and fell with a terrific crash. Our hero awoke, and while sweeping the broken glass and sopping up the coal-oil from the carpet, Boyd was heard to remark: "It will be a long time before I play auctioneer again."

SCIENCE JOTTINGS.

We learn with regret that Mr. Harry Primrose, of the First Year, has been obliged to give up his course on account of ill-health. Mr. Primrose will probably spend the winter in the South.

A student (we won't enquire who he was) took a young lady into supper at a dance lately. She was getting outside of some jelly, but not quite finishing it, asked her partner to "please put it down."

The student paled for a moment, but resolved to do his duty for the credit of his Alma Mater, set himself to the task, and forthwith demolished the remainder himself. And this is a fact.

D—n—s. (*log*):—"Wasn't it touching how the boys responded when the Prof. asked for volunteers to go to the Exhibition grounds?"

A Second Year English student has unearthed a hitherto unknown production of the late lamented "Wizard of the North." He refers to it in his essay as "Scott's 'Tales of the Boarders.'"

At a meeting of Science '95 last week, it was decided to have a class pin, as most of the members expect to graduate before the University pin looms up out of the fog and obscurity it is now in.

Messrs. Carter and Currie represent Science '95 on the "At Home" committee.

At the Hockey meeting—"I beg to nominate Mr. L—s for the post of, etc." Mr. L—s:—"I'd like to second that"; (a moment later) "Oh! p—p!!"

Faculty notice (next year)—"Students in the Hydraulic Laboratory are required to provide themselves with diving outfits. They are also advised to purchase umbrellas. The above articles are to be had of Th—m—s."

We are pleased to see that Mr. Scott '94 is out again after his severe illness.

A meeting of the Fourth Year was held on Nov. 15th, for the purpose of electing the Valedictorian of the year. H. M. Mackay was unanimously elected.

The prizes for summer essays in the Fourth Year have been awarded as follows :—

Civil Engineering	A. S. Dawson
Mechanical Engineering	{ Edward Darling J. S. Costigan J. H. Larmonth
Electrical	" F. H. Pitcher
Mining	" O. E. S. Whiteside.

With reference to the above, we have much pleasure in announcing that a "reunion" of the Fourth Year Mechanical students is expected at the Vienna Café, on a date to be announced.

The Glee Club practices are well attended, and some excellent work is being done. The first appearance of the season was made at the Victoria Armory, on the 22nd inst., when, in company with "all the leading musicians of the day," it gave an admirable account of itself.

A Fourth Year Civil is credited with the alarming discovery that the sun is two hours and forty-seven minutes fast, or that the Observatory clock is slow by the same amount. It is hoped that further investigation will show that the sun is at fault, and not the clock on which Old McGill prides itself.

A meeting of the Four years was held on the 16th inst., to consider Mr. Wilkin's resignation from the Editorial Board of the FORTNIGHTLY, the announcement of which was heard with much regret. It was agreed to fill the vacancy by transferring the representative from the Business to the Editorial Board.

The "At Home" was then thoroughly discussed. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of a committee consisting of two members from each year, who are to ascertain the feeling of the students as accurately as possible, and confer with the committee already appointed by the Faculty.

The Faculty of Applied Science is to be congratulated on securing the services of Prof. Bamford, late of the Victoria University, Manchester. Prof. Bamford arrived on Monday, and will enter upon his duties at an early date. It is understood that he will lecture on Hydraulics, and assist Prof. Bovey with the course in Theory of Structures. The undergraduates unite in extending a cordial welcome to Prof. Bamford, with whom they hope to spend many happy and instructive hours.

FEATHERS FROM THE EAST WING.

The Juniors are all afflicted with French poetry on the brain. It is said that one of them, standing up to debate, involuntarily recited "l'Hymne de l'enfant à son réveil."

Another of less serious disposition was heard to murmur :

A l'examen que leur bonté mesure
Tout l'univers est convié
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It was at a reception given for the "New Men" that a Donalda found herself face to face with a youth who had been introduced vaguely as "belonging to Science."

"And so you are really trying to matriculate into Science," she said, with anxiety in her tone, as though she thought the risk was great. And the young man, with the calmness that comes of long dealing with the uncommon, replied :—

"I am a senior in that faculty."

It is recorded as a matter for deep regret that Miss C. G. Seymour, Honors student of the Third Year, has been obliged to suspend her course because of failing sight.

As an ardent student and a prominent member of the college societies, Miss Seymour's loss will be sadly felt in her year. We can only hope that she may be ready to support it or another at a later date.

PRIZE COMPETITION.

The Editorial and Business Boards have decided to offer two money prizes for the two best original contributions sent in by undergraduates. The object of this is to encourage *original* literary work among the students, and induce them to take a more active interest in the University paper. The competition will be subject to the following regulations :

1. The competition is open to all undergraduates, who either are or shall be subscribers to the McGill FORTNIGHTLY, on or before the date of sending in their contributions

2. All contributions are to be accompanied by a sealed envelope, marked outside with some *nom-de-plume*, and enclosing the writer's full name and faculty, together with his *nom-de-plume*. This *nom-de-plume* is also to be marked upon the article.

3. All contributions must be written specially for the FORTNIGHTLY, and must not have appeared in any other periodical previously.

4. Every contribution must be in the form of a prose story, not longer than 4,000 words or thereabouts.

5. All contributions must be sent to the Editor-in-Chief on or before January 15th, 1894.

6. All contributions become the property of the Editorial Board, who reserve the right to publish any or all of them.

7. Prizes will be awarded according to the decision of the following gentlemen, who have kindly consented to act as judges: Professors Moyse, Cox and Adami, whose decision shall be final.

8. Should, in the opinion of the judges, no story be of sufficient merit to deserve the prize, the money may be either withheld or awarded in some other manner, as they see fit.

9. In the event of two or more stories being of equal or nearly equal merit, an equitable division of the money will be made.

10. The first prize shall be of the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00), and the second of ten (\$10.00).

11. The stories to which the prizes are allotted will be published as soon as possible in the pages of the FORTNIGHTLY.

Should there be any revisions or additions to be made to the above regulations, this will be done in the next issue of the FORTNIGHTLY.

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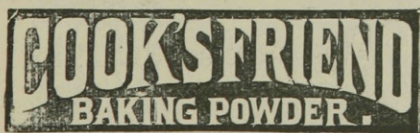
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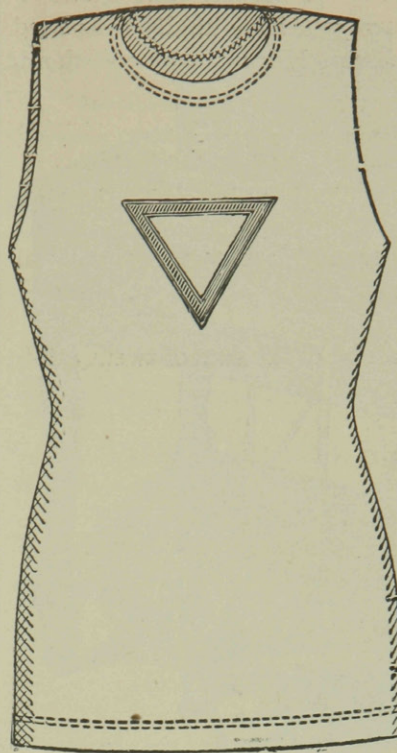


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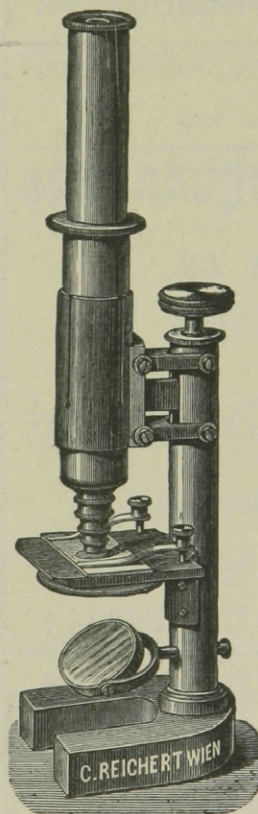
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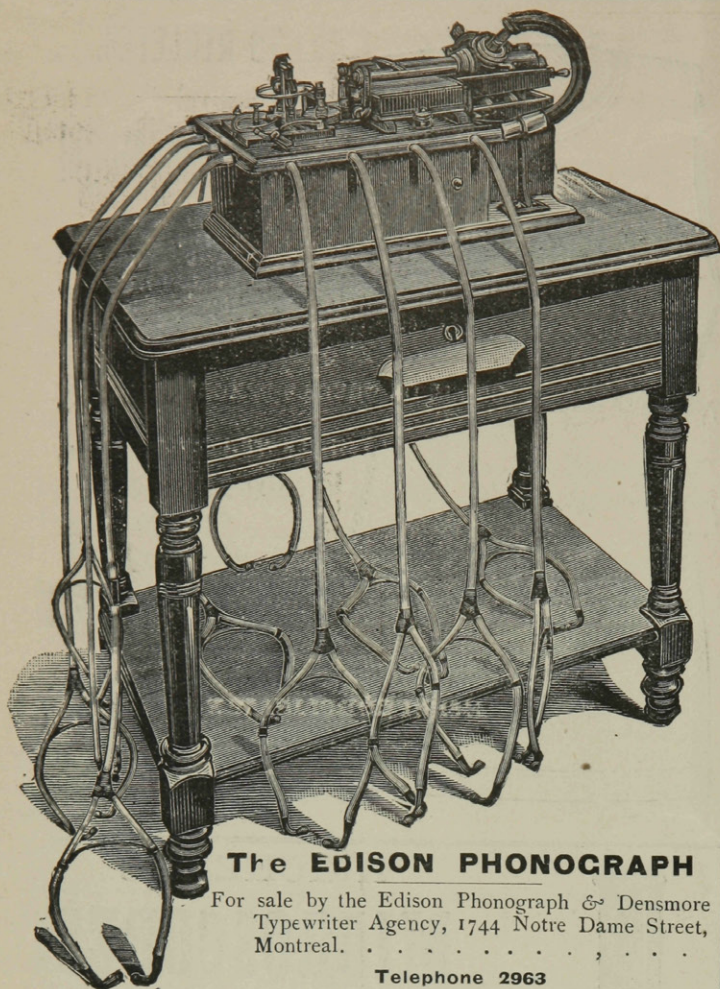
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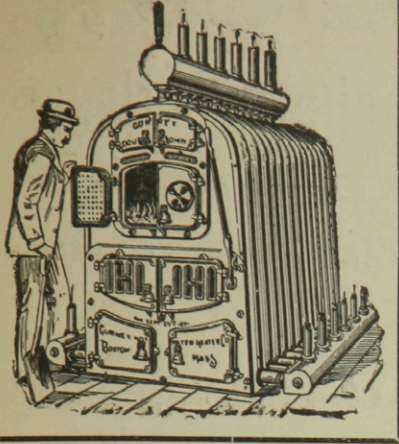
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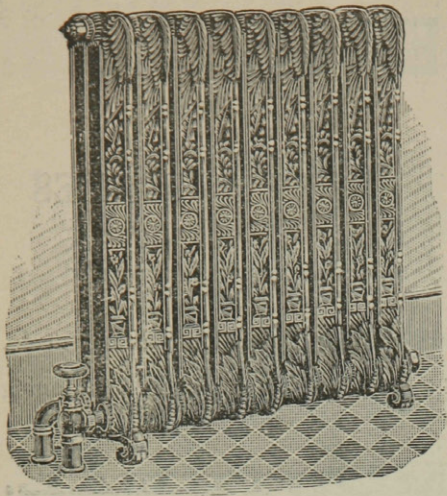
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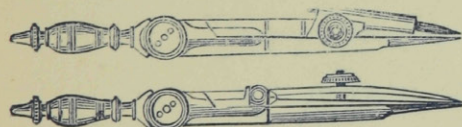
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